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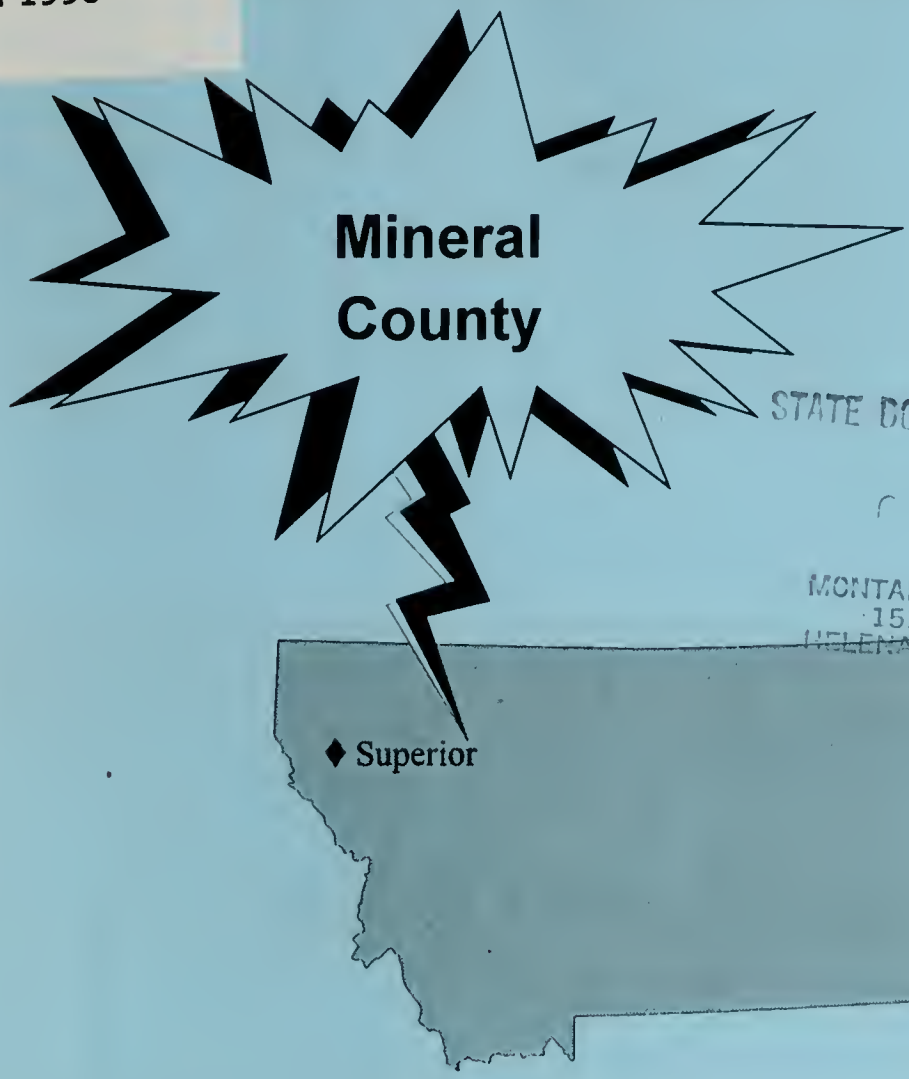

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Mineral County

Located in northwestern Montana, Mineral County is Montana's 39th most populous with 3,315 residents, according to the 1990 Census.

Superior, the county seat, is the state's 62nd largest city with a population of 881. Mineral County history began with the building of the Mullan Military Road in 1859. It ran the length of the county and in its tracks today runs I-90. Gold was discovered at Cedar Creek in 1869 and a gold rush lasted about three years.

Superior started as a post office in 1871 to serve the miners and once was called "Superior City." Railroads played an important role in building up the community. Mineral County was formed in 1914 and named by Orville Grant Willett, a Spanish-American War veteran and first state senator from the county.

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, median income for Mineral County households in 1989 was $20,938. The county is 1,223.4 square miles in area; 1,219.9 square miles in land area and 3.5 in inland water area.

County residents experience the four distinct seasons and the average monthly temperatures range from a high of 34.3 degrees above in January to 85.9 above in July. The annual average precipitation is 16.57 inches.

Mineral County Population

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

Area	7/1/97 Estimate	7/1/96 Estimate	4/1/90 Census	% Change '90 to '97	% Change '90 to '96
Montana	878,810	876,684	799,065	10.0%	9.7%
Mineral County	3,725	3,719	3,315	12.4%	12.2%
Alberton	Not Available	396	354	Not Available	11.9%
Superior	Not Available	978	881	Not Available	11.0%

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1997 New Businesses by Industry

Mineral County

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Top 10 Private Employers In Mineral County

Listed In Alphabetical Order

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Fourth Quarter 1997 Unemployment Insurance Information.
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Annual Average Labor Force For Mineral County

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
1970	1,283	1,203	80	6.2%
1971	1,363	1,277	86	6.3%
1972	1,457	1,360	97	6.7%
1973	1,458	1,348	110	7.5%
1974	1,568	1,417	151	9.6%
1975	1,544	1,372	172	11.1%
1976	1,775	1,623	152	8.6%
1977	1,763	1,580	183	10.4%
1978	1,711	1,558	153	8.9%
1979	1,710	1,582	128	7.5%
1980	1,903	1,710	193	10.1%
1981	1,908	1,665	243	12.7%
1982	1,848	1,430	418	22.6%
1983	2,251	1,906	345	15.3%
1984	1,921	1,675	246	12.8%
1985	1,777	1,527	250	14.1%
1986	1,635	1,425	210	12.8%
1987	1,592	1,423	169	10.6%
1988	1,528	1,357	171	11.2%
1989	1,386	1,255	131	9.5%
1990	1,772	1,616	156	8.8%
1991	1,782	1,589	193	10.8%
1992	1,732	1,547	185	10.7%
1993	1,647	1,490	157	9.5%
1994	1,711	1,543	168	9.8%
1995	1,692	1,476	216	12.8%
1996	1,633	1,486	147	9.0%
1997	1,683	1,527	156	9.3%

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research & Analysis (1998 Benchmark)

Summary of Major Occupational Categories By Sex
1990 Census-Equal Employment Opportunity Data
Civilian Labor Force-All Persons

Occupation	Total	Male	Female
Total	1,507	847	660
Managarial and Professional Specialty Occupations	271	146	125
Executive, Administrative and Managerial Occupations	100	58	42
Professional Specialty Occupations	171	88	83
Technical, Sales and Administrative Support Occupations	282	70	212
Technicians and Related Support Occupations	20	7	13
Sales Occupations	75	37	38
Administrative Support Occupations, Including Clerical	187	26	161
Service Occupations	335	87	248
Private Household Occupations	4	0	4
Protective Service Occupations	26	24	2
Service Occupations, Except Protective and Household	305	63	242
Farming, Forestry, Fishing	120	106	14
Precision Production, Craft and Repair Occupations	147	134	13
Mechanics and Repairers	73	73	0
Construction Trade	41	35	6
Extractive Occupations	9	9	0
Precision Production Occupations	24	17	7
Operators, Fabricators and Laborers	349	304	45
Machine Operators, Assemblers and Inspectors	143	120	23
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	145	135	10
Handlers, Equipment Cleaners, Helpers and Laborers	61	49	12
Unemployed, No Recent Civilian Work Experience	3	0	3

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Resources

⇒ **Chamber of Commerce:**
Superior Area Chamber, P. O. Box 483, Superior, MT 59872, 406-822-4891

⇒ **Department of Labor and Industry:**
Missoula Job Service
539 S. 3rd St. W., Missoula, MT 59806, 406-728-7060

Montana Department of Labor & Industry's Office of Research & Analysis Publications
For information on employment by industry, new businesses, labor market information, profile of the Montana worker, job projections to the year 2006 and hourly pay by occupation, contact the office at any of the numbers listed on the front of this publication.

⇒ **Housing Costs:**
Check the Yellow Pages in the local phone directory for the *Real Estate* listings.

⇒ **Internet:**
Montana Job Service home page for job listings at http://jsd.dli.mt.gov/
City of Superior Home Page—Use the Search Utilities on the Internet to find home pages for Montana cities.

⇒ **Montana Motor Vehicle Division:**
Drivers' Licensing
Superior—Courthouse, 406-822-3529

⇒ **Newspaper:**
Mineral Independent, P. O. Box 98, Superior, MT 59872, 406-822-3329

⇒ **Public Libraries:**
Mineral County Public Library, 301 Second Ave. E., Superior, MT 59872-0430, 406-822-3563
Alberton Branch Library, Town Hall Building, Alberton, MT 59820-0421, 406-722-3328
St. Regis Branch Library, American Legion Hall, St. Regis, MT 59866-0148

⇒ **Superintendent of Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:**
Alberton Public Schools, P. O. Box 118, Alberton, MT 59820, 406-722-4413
St. Regis Public Schools, Drawer K, St. Regis, MT 59866, 406-649-2427
Superior Public Schools, P. O. Box 400, Superior, MT 59872, 406-822-4851

PLEASE NOTE: Because of time and budget constraints, we are only able to update our county flyers periodically. Individual tables are updated on a more frequent basis. You can call us if you'd like the most current information for a particular county. The **Annual Averages for County Employment By Industry** are updated annually, usually in June. The **Top Employers** are updated annually. **Per Capita Income statewide** is usually released late spring and county **data** around August each year. **Population data for Montana** is usually released in March and county data may be released at a different time. The **Annual Average Labor Force information** is benchmarked annually and numbers available before March. The **other tables contain Census information** and will be updated every 10 years. You can also look for more current information on our website listed on the front of this publication.

Mineral County Employment By Industry*
Annual Averages 1996

Industry	# of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Paid
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	133	1,043	$17,437,904
PRIVATE BUSINESS	112	735	$10,025,630
AGRI., FORESTRY, FISH	3	3	$21,590
Forestry	3	3	$21,590
CONSTRUCTION	11	12	$218,104
General Building	3	3	$46,147
Heavy Construction	4	5	$140,198
Special Trade	3	2	$31,759
MANUFACTURING	11	155	$3,477,329
Lumber	9	149	$3,268,835
TRANS., COMMUN., UTILITIES	9	25	$436,142
Trucking-Warehousing	6	6	$103,214
RETAIL TRADE	35	319	$3,352,690
Food Stores	3	50	$543,799
Auto Dealers-Service Stations	6	73	$672,892
Eating & Drinking	17	101	$781,714
Miscellaneous Retail	6	91	$1,297,029
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	5	14	$216,093
Real Estate	3	4	$52,629
SERVICES	36	203	$2,303,227
Hotels & Lodging	7	40	$385,703
Business Service	3	4	$44,436
Amusement & Recreation	5	35	$244,143
Health Services	5	92	$1,474,053
Social Services	7	22	$87,784
Private Households	3	3	$30,825
GOVERNMENT	20	308	$7,412,274
State	7	36	$1,135,001
Local	6	203	$4,184,731
Federal	7	68	$2,092,542

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Office of Research & Analysis
*Employment Covered By Unemployment Insurance
(Totals may not add due to rounding.)

Per Capita Personal Income

	1970	1980	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Montana	$3,558	$8,842	$15,067	$16,005	$16,618	$17,709	$17,709	$18,602	$19,278
% of National Average	87%	88%	79%	81%	81%	83%	80%	80%	79%
Mineral County	$3,118	$6,850	$11,376	$11,795	$11,787	$12,003	$11,938	$13,039	$12,986
% of National Average	76%	68%	59%	60%	57%	56%	54%	56%	53%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System. Released May 1998.

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1990 Census of Population and Housing

Persons by Age, Race and Sex

School Age	White		Black		American Indian		Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
5-11	386	208	0	0	11	5	5	2	11	3	2	0
12-14	175	92	2	2	10	7	2	0	6	4	0	0
15-17	151	77	0	0	8	3	2	1	3	0	2	0
18-21	101	51	0	0	4	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Total	813	428	2	2	33	16	10	3	21	7	4	0

Working & Voting Age	White		Black		American Indian		Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
16+	2,373	1,162	0	0	46	24	13	9	21	10	3	1
18-64	1,958	944	0	0	44	22	12	8	20	10	3	1
18+	2,278	1,116	0	0	42	22	12	8	19	10	2	1
18-64	1,861	898	0	0	40	20	11	7	18	10	2	1

Other Age Group	White		Black		American Indian		Eskimo/Aleut/ Asian or Pacific Islander		Hispanic Origin		Other Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
0-4	214	100	1	0	8	1	1	0	2	1	1	1
5-17	712	377	2	2	29	15	9	3	20	7	4	0
18-44	1,137	565	0	0	28	16	4	1	13	8	2	1
45-64	724	333	0	0	12	4	7	6	5	2	0	0
62+	519	269	0	0	4	2	1	1	3	1	0	0
65+	417	218	0	0	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	0
Total	3,204	1,593	3	2	79	38	22	11	41	18	7	2

Source: Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, Helena, MT 59620, 406-444-2896.

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County of Residence	# Who Work in Mineral County	County of Work	# Who Live in Mineral County
Out of State	29	Out of State	72
Cascade County	6	Beaverhead County	7
Flathead County	8	Lake County	5
Granite County	1	Lewis & Clark County	4
Lake County	3	Lincoln County	7
Lewis & Clark County	4	Mineral County	1,136
Lincoln County	3	Missoula County	99
Mineral County	1,136	Sanders County	11
Missoula County	157		
Ravalli County	8		
Sanders County	27		

Source: 1990 Census Data provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.